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Candidates Announced

The following candidates for officers and district governors, to serve the Texas Numismatic Association, Inc. for 1993-1994, a two-year term, have been duly nominated and have given notice in writing that they will accept the responsibility of the offices they are seeking. The TNA ballot will be included in the April issue of the TNA News. (Note: The candidates for president are listed in order of date of acceptance of their nomination. The listing is in no way an endorsement of any candidate.)

President: Joe Olson

Joseph D. Olson, P.C., of Waco, Attorney At Law and Certified Public Accountant, has been affiliated with TNA through membership for many years. During his tenure as legal advisor to TNA, a position he has held since 1984, numerous contracts have been negotiated, the organization's governing instruments have been updated and amended, and the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Texas recognized TNA as a tax exempt educational organization under Section 501(c)(3).

In 1989, TNA honored Joe with its Lewis M. Reagan Award for outstanding achievement. Joe adds, "It has been my pleasure to serve on numerous TNA committees and as its 2nd vice president."

Outside of TNA, the Waco Coin Club, Inc. asked him to serve as its president for a five year period beginning in 1984. During that time, the club's membership doubled, TNA District 17 was created, and the club's show became one of Texas' most well attended.

Joe's platform is as follows:

1. To rebuild TNA membership, which has declined by at least 25% in the last 2 years;
2. To expand the educational services offered by TNA to its membership through the promotion of its library, TNA News, seminars and lectures;
3. To provide the membership an opportunity to purchase numismatic insurance at affordable prices;
4. To arrange for permanent TNA educational displays and forums at museums throughout Texas;
5. To promote authorship among TNA member-scholars of our rich Texas heritage and the role of numismatics in the heritage,
6. To broaden TNA's influence in the national and international numismatic scene through closer affiliations with the ANA, the government of Mexico, and various states organizations;
7. To reunite the members of TNA through encouragement, cooperation, respect and enthusiasm for each other and our beloved hobby.

President: Walt Woelper

Walter Elliott "Walt" Woelper of El Paso wants us all to know that, "As a coin collector, I would like to be your new next president of the TNA." Walt invites us all to check his record, which he lists as follows:

1. A serious collector for 50 years;
2. Retired Army veteran (LM/American Legion, DAV, MOWW, ROA, VFW);
3. Retired high school teacher (LM/NEA, TCTA, TSTA, TRTA);
4. Active numismatist:
 - A. President of the International Coin Club (3 years);
 - B. Chairman of the International Coin Club Show (9 years);
 - C. Chairman of the 1985 and 1989 TNA Conventions;
 - D. TNA District X governor (10 years);
 - E. Life member of TNA, ANA, International Coin Club;
 - F. Authorized agent for donations to the Virginia Military Institute Museum, Lexington, VA;
 - G. Have visited coin shows, clubs and conventions in Texas, California, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Germany.

Walt's platform statement is:

"To revitalize the TNA; to set new, higher goals; to increase prestige and membership. I pledge to devote the next 2 years to travel the great state of Texas and visit each club at least one time. Let's bring our TNA family together."

1st Vice President: Leo DeLand

Leo E. DeLand of Fort Worth joined the TNA in 1968, and holds life membership #56. He is life member #1009 of the ANA, having joined in 1965, and is charter member #23 of the Society for Ancient Numismatics. Leo served as president of the Fort Worth Coin Club from 1968-1969. He has been an associate member of the ANS since 1970. Leo states that he has been a coin collector for 55 years, with an interest in "anything older than I am, with exception!" Leo feels that, "Having taken from the TNA for the past 25 years, I figure it's time to give something back. Hope to encourage more folks to do the same. Thank you for the opportunity of serving you."

2nd Vice President: Mac Kennady

Mac Kennady of Austin has been a member of TNA since February 1960, holding charter member #131 and life member #52. Mac states, "Having served TNA for twenty years as treasurer, four years as president and four years as 1st vice president, I feel that I am well qualified to continue to serve TNA as 2nd vice president for the next two years. I truly believe in TNA and its mission of furthering numismatic education and serving the entire membership, both in-state

and out-of-state. If elected to the office of 2nd vice president, I will do all that I can to increase membership and to keep TNA a viable, well respected state numismatic association."

Secretary: Barbara Lowell

Barbara Lowell of Carrollton began collecting coins in 1980 and joined TNA in 1991. She applied for the job of TNA secretary in response to the plea in the April 1992 TNA News. Barbara says, "I've learned a great deal in the last eight months as secretary and would like to continue in the position. I feel I'm qualified, having over ten years of secretarial experience including typing, computer and organizational skills. I have been a member of ANA for two years and, although I have very few numismatic references, I hope to compensate with enthusiasm for the job and the organization."

Treasurer: No nomination

District 1 Governor: No nomination

District 2 Governor: No nomination

District 3 Governor: No nomination

District 4 Governor: Lyman Bartee

Lyman C. Bartee of Austin has been a TNA member for about 25 years, having served as district governor, 2nd vice president, 1st vice president, president, ANA representative and convention coordinator. Lyman has received both the Reagan and Tidwell awards and was elected to the Numismatic Hall of Fame. He holds life member #41 in TNA and #53059 in ANA.

District 5 Governor: Frank Clark

Frank E. Clark, III of Carrollton is married, with one daughter, and works as a computer operator. Frank is a life member of TNA, president of the Dallas Coin Club, past president of the Garland Coin Club and a member of many other numismatic organizations. His main collecting specialty is North Texas National Bank Notes and has exhibited his collection at many local, state and national coin shows. Frank says, "I feel that one must participate in the hobby in a variety of ways in order to truly be a "numismatist." I have also had several articles printed on numismatic themes. I am always willing to share my knowledge with fellow collectors."

District 6 Governor: Charles Templeton

Charles C. Templeton, Ph.D., of Houston is the incumbent governor of District 6. He has served as president and vice president of the

Greater Houston Coin Club. Charles is a retired research chemist of the Shell Development Company. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Charles' collecting interests are in world crowns and Latin American inflation currency. Charles promises that, "As TNA governor, I will work to recover former members, and to restore unity in the Association."

District 7 Governor: Frank Galindo

Frank Galindo of San Antonio has been involved in numismatics since childhood. He has been a TNA member for about 20 years, holding an honorary life membership, and has been District 7 governor since 1979. Serving as TNA medals officer since 1986, Frank has utilized his commercial art expertise to produce beautiful designs for the annual medals, as well as for the present TNA logo. He has received the TNA's Lewis Reagan Memorial award for promotion of numismatics in Texas and he and his wife, Karla, have received the Numismatic News' Numismatic Ambassador award. Frank is a past president of the Society of Ration Token Collectors, which also honored him with its Roy F. Gates award for outstanding service to the organization. He is a member of ANA, the Alamo Coin Club, and is vice president of the Gateway Coin Club and editor of the club newsletter, The Gatepost.

District 8 Governor: No nomination

District 9 Governor: Lamonte Pitzer

Lamonte Pitzer of Levelland, the incumbent District 9 governor, is married to Barbara Ann (Scott) Pitzer. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Lamonte retired on February 15, 1992 after 35 years of employment with B.J. Services. He is a life member of TNA, a 27-year member of ANA, a member of the South Plains Coin Club and vice president of the Lamb County Coin Club. Lamonte pledges, "If elected, I will do my best to discharge the duties of a TNA district governor as outlined in the TNA constitution and bylaws."

District 10 Governor: No nomination

District 11 Governor: No nomination

District 12 Governor: Tom Bennington

T.J. "Tom" Bennington of Tyler has been active in his local numismatic community for 32 years, serving the Tyler Coin Club variously as president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and bourse chairman during that time. Tom reports, "We have an active club with 25+ active members and have monthly meetings with auctions, slide presentations and discussions on items pertaining to numismatics. I enjoy the coins and learning more about them each opportunity that I can. I would

agree to serve the state organization if elected, and will do all I can do to enhance the TNA and the numismatic community in District 12."

District 13 Governor: Ray Whyborn

Raymond E. Whyborn of Seymour is completing his second term as TNA president. He has been an active member for over 25 years, serving several terms as governor of District 7 while residing in San Antonio, and as District 13 governor from 1985 until becoming president in 1989. He is a member of the San Antonio Numismatic Study Group, South Plains Coin Club, Greater Houston Coin Club, and is a life member of the Alamo Coin Club. Ray is active in ANA, ONA, CSNS, SPMC, WPC, NI, IBNS, ASCC, SUSCC, APS, TPA, UPSS and all coin and stamp clubs in District 13. He is a collector, researcher, author, cataloguer and has been a regular contributor to the Standard Catalog of World Coins and the Standard Catalog of World Paper Money for many years. Ray has received the TNA's VIP award, the Lewis M. Reagan award and the Outstanding Governor award.

District 14 Governor: Helen Snider

Helen Snider of Pharr has served as District 14 governor for the past two terms. Both her mother and father, Ada Lee and John Chisum, preceded her as governors of District 14. Helen is a real estate broker with her own business, Snider Realty, in Pharr. Helen reports that there are two clubs in her district, the Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley and the Sociedad Numismatica de Reynosa, Mexico. Two new clubs are in the early planning stages. Numismatics and the hobby in general are of great interest to Helen. She shares her love of the hobby whenever possible to anyone interested in coin collecting. She displays at libraries and assists the Hidalgo Coin Club with its annual coin and collectible show. Helen states, "I have served for several terms now and I will do my best to represent this area in TNA."

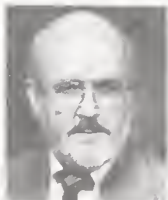
District 15 Governor: No nomination

District 16 Governor: No nomination

District 17 Governor: No nomination



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President's Message

Ray Whyborn

The holidays are behind us and we are looking forward to a fresh, clean new year. 1993 is, as yet, unblemished except for the New Year's resolutions that many of us have already broken.

The Texas Numismatic Association will complete its 32nd year as a nonprofit, tax exempt, educational and fraternal organization with the election of new officers and District Governors. It looks forward to 1993 and beyond with new managers, new vigor, new ideas and new plans.

Despite our urging in the past two issues of the TNA News for all members to take the nomination and selection process seriously, few did. As a result, there is only one contested office: the Presidency. TNA's Legal Advisor, Joe Olson of Waco, and long time District X Governor Walt Woelper of El Paso will vie for that position. The incumbent First and Second Vice Presidents will trade places, and the Secretary has been nominated for another term. The Treasurer's office did not receive a single nomination, and will become vacant during our convention.

Chapters were urged to renominate their existing Governors or to nominate another candidate. Only eight of the seventeen Districts responded. Some very dedicated and hard-working Governors either declined to run again or were not renominated. I will not speculate on the cause of this breach of protocol, but I am sad to see it. Folks such as Howard Luke, Harry Littleton, David Burke and Jerry Williams will be sorely missed, as they contributed a great deal to this organization over the years. Maybe they're just plain tired, after serving so many years without encouragement or appreciation from those whom they represented so well and with such dignity and class. Maybe they expected some newer, younger and fresher members to step forward and help manage this organization. Only they know. Regardless, they will be missed as members of the Board of Directors after May 8th. I, for one, certainly appreciated them and all they did for TNA. The incoming President will certainly have the option to appoint Governors where needed, but the selection of a representative should have been made by the members being represented.

This issue contains the biographical sketches of those candidates seeking your vote. Please read these data carefully and studiously. Being an officer in this Association is not a ceremonial role, nor is it a reward for past performance or personal popularity. It requires a lot of time and thought and a lot of hands-on effort and personal sacrifice. Please vote wisely!

From the 1st Vice President...

Mac Kennady

Dear fellow members - I try so hard to be accurate with the information I pass on to you through this message, but I blew it in the December 1992 issue and it took "old eagle-eyed" Howard Luke of Fort Worth to catch it. If others caught it I'm not aware of it. The goof I made was on page 11, last paragraph of my message, where I mentioned when our 1993 convention will be held. The dates should be May 6 (dealers-only), 7, 8, & 9, 1993. Of course we all know that our 1993 convention will be held in the Tarrant County Convention Center in downtown Fort Worth. This is a fine facility with plenty of room for the Dealer Bourse and the Exhibits.

Speaking of exhibits, our exhibits chairman this year is: Michael P. Grant, 6490 Central Ave., North Richland Hills, TX 76180. Mike will mail exhibit applications to those whose names he has, but just in case, if you want an exhibit application, Mike will be glad to send one to you. Just let him know. You still have very nearly 3 months to work on an exhibit. If you've never exhibited before, inquire at your local club meeting for those who are experienced exhibitors. They'll be glad to assist you in developing an exhibit.

Exhibiting is really a lot of fun and highly educational, for the exhibitor as well as for the observer. As the exhibitor, it can be astounding how much you can learn by exhibiting. Give it a try! You will receive a complimentary ticket to the Sunday morning breakfast. You will receive a special gold-on-navy blue ribbon to affix to your name badge. And, who knows, you may win an award.

Make your plans to attend your association's thirty-fifth convention. You won't regret it. Watch these pages for additional information.

TNA's president, Raymond E., Whyborn, 411 W. Reiman, Seymour, TX 76380-2439 (817-888-5156) is about to return home to convalesce from rather extensive knee surgery. Spend a dollar or two on a card and a stamp and send him some get well wishes. He will appreciate it! Or, if you feel especially flush and wish to talk to him, he expects to leave the Dallas Hospital where he is presently confined, on either Friday or Saturday, January 29 or 30.

Make yourself feel good by doing something nice for someone.

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN TNA

Logan L. Essex 1916-1993

Logan L. Essex, long time member of TNA, passed away in a Wichita Falls, Texas hospital on January 7, 1993 after a long and debilitating illness. He had lived in Wichita Falls for 22 of his 76 years.

Logan was TNA District XIII Governor from 1981-1985. He was also active in the Texoma Stamp Club and was a past president of the Wichita Falls Stamp and Coin Club. He had been an officer in the Red River Coin Club until recently.

Logan Essex may best be remembered by collectors and dealers alike as the genial, warm, friendly and efficient chairman of the annual Red River Coin and Stamp Show, held in Wichita Falls each November on the weekend immediately preceding Thanksgiving.

He owned a coin shop in the early years, and is credited with introducing many youngsters to collecting, some of whom are still active. Logan is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia, a well-known Love Token collector and exhibitor; a daughter, Sue Cannon of Colorado Springs, Colorado; a sister, Margebelle Moore of Knoxville, Illinois; a brother, Willard of Billings, Montana; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Logan will be sorely missed in numismatics, the TNA, District XIII and the Wichita Falls area.

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A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

On January 10, I joined approximately 900 other people in running a half marathon. I have been running for exercise for a little over three years and had run other races, but I had never before run a race longer than 12 kilometers (about 7.4 miles). The half marathon distance is 13.1 miles, nearly 75% longer than my previous longest race. What on earth does this have to do with collecting coins? Maybe nothing. You be the judge.

When the summer heat started to break last September, my training buddies and I started to slowly increase our daily mileage and speed, taking advantage of the more pleasant weather. We also began our examination of the race calendar for the next six months to plan which races we would run. I was enjoying the longer daily workouts, and thought I might like to step up from the 5K (3.1 miles) and 5 mile runs that comprised my previous racing experience. I noticed a number of 10K's, a 12K, a 10 miler, two half marathons and a full marathon scheduled through April. I realized that I would need to make a plan, but wasn't enough of an expert to make the plan by myself. I would need help from knowledgeable, experienced people.

My training partners turned out to be a good initial source of basic information. They shared experiences, good and bad. I joined the Austin Runners' Club, and talked to some of the more "serious" runners I met through the club. I read the monthly club newsletter, borrowing some back issues from friends. I read articles in some of the national magazines specializing in running, which were available at my fitness center and through friends. I took advantage of a special subscription offer to one running magazine that I had found very helpful. Eventually, armed with knowledge, I made a training plan. I decided that the half marathon in November would be too ambitious a goal, that the one in January would be realistic. No sense in putting a sizeable investment into this before I felt like I was really ready. Investment? No, not monetary, at least not directly; but, I would be putting my 41-year old body on the line, and didn't want to risk "bankrupting" it.

I increased my mileage a little at a time. Made sure I reviewed my activities periodically, monitoring performance and taking inventory of how I felt, checking that I wasn't going too far, too fast. Ran a 10K race on September 26 at 7:29 per mile, a little off my anticipated pace, but acceptable under warm, sticky conditions. Ran the 12K under cooler conditions on October 17, at the same 7:29 per mile pace. Hey, this work is starting to pay off! Ran a shorter, 5 mile race on Halloween with a bunch of friends on a warm, humid morning, at 7:10 per mile. Trends are definitely looking favorable! Kept increasing my training, reading literature about running, talking to other runners, refining goals and formulating plans to run that half marathon in January.

The big day approached. There were a couple of races in November and December that would have fit nicely into my training, but other obligations took precedence. I didn't let the disappointment of missing them distract me, however. I patiently continued the training program, wrote out my goals for the race, planned my meals and bedtimes for the days leading up to it, looked at the course on the map, and drove portions of it to familiarize myself with the terrain. I watched the weather reports and planned alternate attire, so that I would be prepared for most any conditions. I wrote out goal times for each of the 13 miles (which would be clearly marked), and planned which water stops I would take advantage of (all six of them, I decided).

The weather report on January 9 said it would be cold and windy the next day. That evening, I carefully wrote each of the 13 split times on the fingers of the white cotton gloves I knew I would need to wear for the race. I pinned my race number to a long-sleeved shirt, laid it out next to the watch, tights, shorts, socks, shoes and undershirt that would comprise the rest of my outfit, ate a heap of pasta and went to bed early. When I arrived at the start the next morning, I was amply prepared for the 33 degrees of temperature and 25 mph north winds, although I can't say I was thrilled with those conditions. I focused on my goals, and one hour and thirty-nine minutes later I crossed the finish line, nearly a minute ahead of my goal. I had averaged 7:35 per mile. I was not bankrupt. All 13 items on my want list were checked off (in slightly better grades than I had thought I could afford), and I knew from my studies of this particular series that I would still be happy with my acquisitions the next day. 307 people crossed the finish line ahead of me, but I'll bet some of them didn't feel as satisfied as I did about what I had done. Many of them were probably trying to outdo one another; I was only trying to fill my personal goals, and I had done so. I don't try to fulfill anyone else's expectations. For me, running is a hobby, for fun. I run for enjoyment and self-satisfaction, and I find that I get more of both from my hobby by studying it, setting realistic but challenging goals, and working towards them over an appropriate period of time. Done in this manner, running will likely even pay dividends over time, but that's a bonus. What on earth does this have to do with collecting coins? Maybe nothing. Maybe.

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I hope everyone likes the new look of the TNA News. I am really pleased with the new printer and new disk drive; preparing this issue has been much less tedious than in the past, and I think the appearance and readability of this issue is vastly superior to the 1992 issues. With less time spent on tedious tasks, I expect to have more time to concentrate on the content. Drop me a line with your suggestions, criticisms and comments. Let's hear from you.

My Trip to the New Western Currency Facility

by Frank Clark

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's new Western Currency Facility was dedicated on April 26, 1991. This was reported in the local press and it was reported that the plant would be opened to the public for tours only from May 15-19, 1991. A limited number of free tickets would be available on a first come, first served basis at the Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall in Fort Worth from May 7-10. I was happy to see this since I had heard that the facility would not be open to the public for any tours.

On May 7, I drove to Fort Worth to pick up some tickets for me and some of my friends. Each ticket measures 4.75 by 3 inches, and each day's ticket is a different color: Wednesday, May 15, light orange; Thursday, May 16, green; Friday, May 17, yellow; and Saturday, May 18, pink. All printing is in black. It was reported on television that 12,000 tickets were available. They were gone by May 8.

On the appointed day, we began our trip. First we had to go to Saginaw Airport in northwest Fort Worth to catch the shuttle bus. As we entered the staging area, we handed in our admission tickets. One attendant handed me an instruction sheet and others directed us where to park. We hopped on the shuttle bus that took us to the Western Currency Facility, a couple of miles north on Blue Mound Road. The plant sits up on a hill on the east side of the road, surrounded by a double storm fence topped with barbed wire. The guard at the gate signalled for our bus to come through and we parked near the courtyard, where three flags fly: United States, Texas and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The tour guide mentioned that the BEP one cost \$2500. It was also noted that a few BEP employees from Washington, D.C. had come to Fort Worth to be guides and to help out, but all other guides had regular positions at the facility. As of that date, the WCF had 200 employees.

After we disembarked from the bus, our group assembled in the lobby, where a huge Treasury shield comprises most of the floor. There was an exhibit, just off the lobby, that showed Swedish currency from 1661 and U.S. banknotes from earlier times in American history up to 1991 at the Fort Worth facility. We then proceeded through a metal detector into a high security production area.

The first sight in that area was pallets of 10,000 sheets of currency paper. Each sheet consisted of 75% linen and 25% cotton. Off to the right was a storage area for barrels of ink.

Directly behind the pallets of paper were the currency presses. Backs are printed first, 32 notes to a sheet. Since currency is printed by the intaglio method, there was a very appropriate demonstration of the method, with a face printing plate revolving around a cylinder. There

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Back design for the WCF public tour ticket.

was also a display of tools needed to engrave a master die. Printing plates created from the master dies last two months. A pressman allowed visitors to feel the raised lines of intaglio printing on a finished sheet of currency.

After the backs are printed, the sheets are stored in a caged area so that the green ink can dry. This takes about two days. After the ink dries, a workman takes a handful of sheets to a vibrating table, where the workman handles the sheets in such a way as to keep the sheets from sticking to each other. There are several of these vibrating tables at this juncture.

The next step is to print the black ink on the face of the notes. After this is done, the notes are again stored for the ink to dry. This printing run adds the minute "FW" to the left of the lower right-hand plate number to designate that the note was printed at the Fort Worth facility. The WCF will print only \$1 notes for the Federal Reserve Districts of Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco in 1991. In the future, other denominations for these districts will also be printed.

The next step is to cut the 32-subject sheets down to two half sheets of 16 subjects. At present, there are two cutting machines to do this and there are four examiners sitting along each cutting machine's conveyor to check for errors. When an error is spotted, the entire half sheet is pulled. The cutting machines have counters on them, and when there is a discrepancy that cannot be resolved from the total of half sheets that are correct plus the number of half sheets that have been pulled, a counting machine is employed. This machine has a metal arm that flicks through the sheets. It also has a digital display to show which sheet it is on. One thousand sheets can be counted in seconds. This machine is also portable, and can be used anywhere along the assembly line. When error sheets are no longer needed for accounting purposes, they are destroyed in one of several large shredders, located at several points in the production area. The shreds are sucked up and away in large tubes to a common collection point located somewhere out of sight.

At this stage of the tour, there was a display of various errors that had been pulled from the Fort Worth presses. The errors were either in 32-subject or 16-subject form. The error sheets were quite striking. The most remarkable error (to the author) was face black ink smear that entirely covered the bottom 14 notes of a 16-note half sheet.

Next, there were three panes of exhibits that must have been shipped from Washington, D.C. The first was of specimen small size notes from the \$1 through the \$100,000 denominations. One knew the notes were specimens because they all had serial numbers consisting entirely of zeros. There were also two \$500,000 bonds dated May 17, 1955 with serial numbers 0000 and 0001.

The second pane showed the differences in the various notes from the time in 1929 when the U.S. went from large to small size currency,

which is the size of today's currency. Finally, there was a pane showing both sides of large size gold certificates, from \$20 through \$10,000 denominations. The faces did not have serial numbers and these notes may have been uniface specimens.

After the exhibits, our group passed a group of workmen who were using a big cutting machine to cut the blue currency wrappers for packs of one hundred \$1 notes from large sheets. I learned that these sheets are printed by the BEP in Washington, D.C. and then shipped to the WCF in sheet form. Miscut examples of the wrappers were being given away to the public that day.

The next stop on the tour was at the currency overprinting equipment and packaging display. At this stage, the 16-subject sheets have the green serial numbers, green Treasury Seal, black District Seal and the black District numbers printed on the face of the note. These consist of small dies that are interchangeable for whichever District is necessary. Two dies are used. One die is for the printing on the left side of the portrait and the other for the printing on the right side. At the same time, the serial numbers are printed to the left and right of the portrait by two "numbering wheels" which increment themselves throughout the printing. Several of these machines were displayed. Also at this stage, the 16-subject sheets are cut into individual notes and then wrapped into units of one hundred with the wrappers discussed earlier. The notes are then shrink-wrapped into "bricks" of 4,000 notes. A label listing the denomination, series, Federal Reserve Bank and first serial number is applied to the front of the "brick." The notes are printed and cut in a manner such that the finished notes are in numerical order. The packages are stacked on pallets and moved by a forklift to the vault. The workmen allowed the public to handle a "brick," which weighs about eight pounds.

The author learned that the following \$1 series 1988A currency blocks have been printed at the WCF: KD, KE and K Star. "K" is the first letter of the note's serial number, and designates the Dallas Federal Reserve District. "D" and "E" are runs of over 99,000,000 notes printed. These are used as suffix letters in the serial numbers. A "Star" is used as a suffix in a note's serial number to signify that it is a replacement note for a note that was spoiled during production. These notes have different serial numbers than the notes they are used to replace. There was one pack of one hundred \$1 Star notes displayed for the public.

On May 17, 1991 the author was told that the WCF was preparing to print the first \$1 notes for the San Francisco Federal Reserve District.

The last stop was a makeshift gift shop that was tucked along a wall leading to an emergency exit. Souvenirs had been shipped from Washington, D.C. for this four-day public tour. There were T-shirts, caps, pens, key chains, mutilated currency items, etc. for sale. Some of the T-shirts mentioned or pictured the WCF.

After making several purchases, I stepped out of the emergency exit to take the sidewalk to the bus that would take me back to my car. It was at this time that I noticed there was still construction going on. There is plenty of room for expansion.

It was a very enjoyable and educational trip to the plant that proclaims, "THE BUCK STARTS HERE!"

Regional SPMC Meeting Planned for TNA Convention

There will be a regional meeting of the Society of Paper Money Collectors held in conjunction with the 1993 Texas Numismatic Association convention. The meeting will be held at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth on Saturday, May 8, at 2:00 p.m. SPMC member and TNA District V Governor Frank Clark will give a program on Denton, Texas National Bank Notes.

Symposiums on Ancients Scheduled for TNA Convention

Two one-hour symposiums on ancient coins will be conducted during the 1993 Texas Numismatic Association convention, at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth. They will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. Anyone wishing to increase his or her knowledge of ancients should plan to attend at least one of the two sessions.

Exhibits Sought for 1993 TNA Convention

All TNA members are invited to place exhibits at the 1993 TNA convention, to be held May 7-9 at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth. For more information, write or call:

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"Mills' Money"

(and some information about the first bank in Texas)

by Bob Cochran

PART II

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The Commercial and Agricultural Bank

With two exceptions, the laws of the Republic and State of Texas were obeyed - one exception was McKinney, Williams & Company, mentioned earlier. The bank was authorized prior to the organization of national banks in 1863. The other exception was the Commercial and Agricultural Bank of Texas, the only bank authorized to operate in Texas prior to the organization of national banks in 1863. We will see in a moment that this bank was "grandfathered." In 1852, William M. Gouge wrote:

Through some mysterious means, the Commercial and Agricultural Bank has been brought into operation, for it does not appear that it has ever been certified to the Executive [meet the Texas legal requirements] 'that one hundred thousand dollars had entered its vaults,' and this was an indispensable condition of its charter. A writer, in the sixth volume of De Bow's *Commercial Review*, states that 'Messrs. J. Lake & Co., by means of the credits which they got through the Ohio State Bank law, started three other Ohio banks (in addition to the Bank of Wooster), besides buying the Mineral Bank of Maryland and a bank in Texas. The foundation of the whole is \$171,900 of stock owned by Lake in the Wooster Bank. It is possible that not a cent of money was paid at all, but stock notes given.'

As the Commercial and Agricultural Bank is the only bank in Texas, the fair inference is that this is the bank affirmed to have been bought by J. Lake & Co. But this is inference. Wherever it obtains the means, certain it is that the Commercial and Agricultural Bank commenced operations at Galveston some six years ago, and continues them to this day. It has also established a branch at Brownsville, with the view of circulating its paper in the adjoining state of Tamaulipas. But the Mexicans will have none of it. They prefer their own defaced silver coin to any 'promises to pay,' however prettily they may be adorned by the art of the engraver.

The Attorney-General of Texas has been, for some time, contesting with the bank the legality of its existence, but, as he was the private counsel of the bank before he was elevated to his present dignity, the opinion of some people is that the state will not gain much in the contest

[Gouge, 234-235]

Samuel M. Williams was granted a charter for the "Banco de Comercia y Agricultura" by the Supreme Government of the State of Coahuila and Texas (Mexican Government) on April 30, 1835. Williams was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on October 4, 1795. He learned the mercantile business in Baltimore, and later moved to New Orleans, where he served as a private secretary to Andrew Jackson. In New Orleans, he met Stephen Austin, who convinced him to accept a similar

position in the Austin colony. Williams later formed a mercantile business with Thomas F. McKinney at Quintana; the operation was quite successful, and later included banking functions [Medlar, 47-49, 63-64].

Williams was well-respected by the Mexican government, since he was a successful businessman in addition to being a friend and former employee of Austin. The charter of the Commercial and Agricultural Bank was quite strict, and no proof has ever been offered that there was any connection between Williams and J. Lake & Co., despite the statements of Gouge.

The bank was intended to operate at Columbia, but did not open until 1847 because Williams (and his financial backers in the East) failed to meet its charter requirements of having \$100,000 in specie in the vaults. The bank did have sheets of notes prepared by Draper, Toppan, Longacre & Co., of Philadelphia, but they were never issued with that particular design. The backs of the sheets were blank, and some Louisiana state bank notes were printed on the back during the Civil War, when bank note paper was scarce. Most surviving examples of the Commercial and Agricultural Bank at Columbia have been reconstructed from these Louisiana notes. The bank issued notes for only a short time, and surviving examples are quite rare [Medlar, personal correspondence]. Proof specimens of additional denominations issued by the Commercial and Agricultural Bank were contained in the recent auction of the archives of the American Bank Note Company.

Mr. Medlar disputes Gouge's claim that the Commercial and Agricultural Bank was purchased by J. Lake & Company. His contention is that Williams postponed his idea of opening a bank because of the events of the time. The revolution to separate Texas from Mexico began in the late summer of 1835, and culminated some six months later in the independent Republic of Texas. Commercial transactions were severely restricted during the revolution, and the republic was in desperate financial straits for most of its nine years. This would certainly enforce the idea that Williams had a difficult time raising the required amount of specie in order for the bank to begin operations, and it took him over 10 years to do so [Medlar, personal correspondence].

The State of Texas authorized Williams to open the Commercial and Agricultural Bank in 1847, but by then he had moved his business operations to Galveston from Columbia. Medlar states "The grandfathered charter was vigorously fought by his political and commercial enemies, including, I believe Messrs. Mills. The case dragged finally to the Texas Supreme Court and Williams, sick, tired and old, was defeated. He died the following year" [Medlar, personal correspondence].

Although it is described as the Panic of 1837, suffice it to say that coin money, or "specie," was in extremely short supply throughout the western United States for many years prior to and after 1837. In

other parts of the country, especially the East, tokens, bank notes and scrip were substituted for coin money. Many states had laws prohibiting these issues, but the laws were often ignored, since most of the population had progressed from the time of exchanging pelts, wampum and other substitutes.

In a financial transaction involving paper currency, both sides usually were sacrificing - the merchant by accepting notes with the possibility of finding out later that they were worthless. Many newspapers, such as those in Houston and New Orleans, regularly printed discount quotations for notes of certain states and specific banks, and these were of great interest to businesses. Other popular reference items were the many bank note reporters and counterfeit detectors published on a weekly basis. Even the genuine "good" notes were almost always discounted - the discount usually increased in proportion to the distance from the issuing bank's location. Since Texans distrusted paper money anyway, and because Texas was so far away from most of the established banks in the U.S., we can see that paper money acceptable by both merchants and their customers would have real utility.

The Mills Brothers and the Firm of R. & D.G. Mills of Galveston

Robert Mills was born in Kentucky on March 9, 1809. In 1830, he joined his older brother Andrew in a merchandising business at Brazoria, Texas. Robert managed the business, and it soon prospered. He traded supplies for pelts and cotton in the Brazos and Colorado valleys. He established a lucrative trade in Mexico, sending burro trains of goods across the Rio Grande River in exchange for specie and bars of Mexican silver. These bars were stacked like stove-wood in the firm's counting room [Handbook, Vol. 2, 200].

After Andrew died, Robert conducted the business with his younger brother David G. Mills. The firm was first known as R. Mills and Company, and later as R. & D.G. Mills. Robert moved to Galveston about 1849, and became a partner in the firms of Mills, McDowell & Company of New York and McDowell, Mills & Company of New Orleans. Another partner in the firms (until 1863) was John William Jockusch, the Prussian consul at Galveston [Handbook, Vol. 2, 200].

These three firms were obviously closely allied, and the businesses grew substantially; much of their financial paper passed through all three locations. They operated as cotton factors and general commission merchants, advanced credit, and dealt in domestic and foreign exchange. They owned ships and steamboats that were shipping sugar and cotton all over the world. R. & D.G. Mills of Galveston provided some very valuable financial service functions for their Texas customers, but they desired another method.

Concluded next issue...

Secretary's Notes Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members # 5786 - 5788. The following have applied for membership. If approved, they will become members March 1, 1993:

- J-5789** {D-06} Chris Weed, 5114 Sycamore Creek, Kingwood, TX 77345. U.S. coins. Secretary.
- R-5790** {D-10} Kenneth L. Price, 3821 Egar Park, El Paso, TX 79904. Error coins. James T Karam.
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DISBURSEMENTS		
Secretary Allowance	\$ 300.00	
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Expenses	7.98	
TNA News Printing Costs	1065.75	
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		\$1548.31
AVAILABLE BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$13763.09
ENCUMBERED FUNDS		
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| Feb 19-21 | El Paso, Tx | 64 Tables |
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| Quality Inn at Bassett, I-10 and Geronimo | | |
| Write: Arthur La Capria, PO Box 3535, El Paso, TX 79923 | | |
| Feb 20-21 | Lubbock, TX | 75 Tables |
| South Plains Coin Club 33rd Annual Coin & Sports Card Show | | |
| Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street | | |
| Call: Frank Hezmall, (806) 745-3754 | | |
| Feb 27-28 | Arlington, TX | 65 Tables |
| Annual Coin & Stamp Show | | |
| La Quinta Inn at Six Flags, 825 North Watson Rd | | |
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| Mar 6-7 | Corpus Christi, TX | 44 Tables |
| Coin Show | | |
| <i>Sponsored by Corpus Christi Coin Club</i> | | |
| Holiday Inn Airport, 5549 Leopard Street | | |
| Call: Dave Peterson, (512) 851-9182 or | | |
| Larry Glenn, (512) 785-5555 | | |
| Mar 6-7 | Greenville, TX | |
| Greenville Coin Show | | |
| <i>Sponsored by Hunt County Coin Club</i> | | |
| Hunt County Criminal Justice Center | | |
| Community Room, 2700 Johnson Street | | |
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| Holiday Inn, Beaumont Plaza, 3950 I-10 South | | |
| Call: Jack Provost, (409) 385-9272 | | |
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| 15th Annual Waco Coin & Stamp Show | | |
| Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue | | |
| Call: Dalton Adams, (817) 776-6655 | | |

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| April 3-4 | Fort Worth, TX | 65 Tables |
| 11th Annual Mid-Season Coin & Stamp Show
Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway
Call: Joe Wade, (817) 485-1777 | | |
| May 7-9 | Fort Worth, TX | 160 Tables |
| Texas Numismatic Association 35th Convention
Tarrant County Convention Center, 111 Houston St
Call: Everett Hull, (817) 336-1782 | | |
| May 22-23 | San Antonio, TX | 35 Tables |
| 16th Annual San Antonio Coin, Card & Stamp Show
<i>Sponsored by Gateway Coin Club</i>
Oak Hills Motor Inn, 7401 Wurzbach Rd
Call: Ray Tate, (210) 271-3429 | | |
| July 10-11 | Amarillo, TX | |
| Golden Spread Coin Club Collectors Show
Amarillo Civic Center, 3rd & Buchanan
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| July 31-Aug 1 | Bossier City, LA | 100 Tables |
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District Meetings

DISTRICT IV

The **Austin Texas Coin Club** held its Christmas banquet and year-end meeting on December 8 at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Fifteen members and four guests were there to enjoy the meal and to witness the installation of 1993 club officers: President, Harry Barnette; V.P., Francis Smith; Sec/Treasurer, Lyman Bartee; Curator, Moton Crockett; Directors, Hal Chesner and Jack Scantlen.

--**Lyman Bartee, TNA District IV Governor**

The **Capital City Coin Club** met on December 17 at the Best Western Hotel for their annual banquet and election of officers. Twenty members and six guests savored a buffet dinner and shared in a dozen door prizes, ten of which were donated by Mike and Fred McCoy of Aus-Tex Coins. 1993 club officers were elected and installed, as follows: President, Jefferey Meyer; Vice-President, Brian Jones; Sec/Treasurer, Kim Cromack. Special thanks were extended to Louis Janosek, who stepped down as Secretary/Treasurer after seventeen years of service in the post.

--**Bob Metzger, reporter**

The **Williamson County Coin Club's** December 3 meeting and Christmas dinner was held at the 620 Cafe in Round Rock. Thirteen members and guests enjoyed a fine meal, followed by a slide program and talk by special guest Colonel Bill Murray on the ANA Resource Center. Afterwards, attendees stayed to ask Bill questions and to pass around and discuss a variety of books, coins, currency and tokens they had brought with them.

--**Bob Metzger, reporter**

DISTRICT V

The November 19 meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club** was attended by twenty-two members and three guests. The guest speaker for the evening was Ms. Miley Busiek, who spoke on her "Family of Eagles" design, used on the reverse of U.S. gold bullion coins, and symbolic of the importance of family values in America. After the program, the club elected the following officers for 1993: President, Frank Clark; V.P., Joe Barthold; Secretary, Mike Grant. It was announced that the club has purchased a copy of the new ANA videotape on grading U.S.

coins, and that it will be available to all club members to borrow. John Creviston won the vote for the best presentation of 1992. John and Mike Grant will also be putting together a presentation on beginning coin collecting for SMU. The meeting closed with an auction of 25 items, netting the club \$5.76.

The 775th meeting of the club was held on December 17, with twenty-five members and seven guests sharing Christmas dinner. Many members brought family members, and a few members who hadn't attended a meeting for awhile were also present. The club's 1993 officers were installed and a white elephant auction netted \$241.76 to help pay for the dinner, with a number of winning bidders getting real bargains.

--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

Fifteen members and eight guests were present for the December 8 meeting of the **Garland Coin Club**. The Christmas spread, a covered dish dinner, was enjoyed by everyone. Members voted for the best program of 1992, selecting Harry Chand's June program on "The Twelve Caesars." The following officers were installed for 1993: President, Mike Wartberg, Sr.; V.P., Winnon Arivett; Sec/Treasurer, Ron Blaha; Program Coordinator, Mikey Wartberg. The meeting concluded with bingo games that yielded nine prizes to participants.

The January 12 meeting was called to order with sixteen members and two guests in attendance. Recent club mail was the first topic of discussion. Two members chose to take advantage of a special subscription offer made to club members only by Krause Publications. A letter from David Ganz asking for support in his quest for the presidency of the ANA was discussed, but no vote was taken on the matter. Discussion about the club's 1993 shows revealed some confusion regarding whether they are both planned as single-day shows; resolution of the matter will be sought before the February meeting. Eight adult members and one junior member paid their 1993 dues, making a total of twenty-two paid members for 1993. Ron Blaha gave a program on New Jersey coppers, discussing the coiners, mints, and the laws involved in their manufacture. He also talked about some of the better-known varieties and passed around a sketch of the design. The meeting ended with an auction, with 22 of 44 lots selling.

--club newsletter (Ron Blaha, editor)

The **Hunt County Coin Club** met on November 5, with twenty members in attendance. Officers for 1993 were elected, as follows: President, Glen Welch; V.P., David Wilkerson; Sec/Treasurer, Myra Craven. Bourse chairman and outgoing president Frank Ferguson gave a report on the 1993 show, scheduled for March 6-7 in Greenville at the Justice Center.

The December 3 meeting was the club's annual Christmas dinner.

Turkey and all the trimmings was catered to twenty-seven members and four special guests.

--**Myra Craven, club Secretary/Treasurer**

DISTRICT VI

The **Clements Coin Club** has been given a number of back issues and a complimentary subscription to COINage Magazine by COINage's managing editor, Kari Stone. Ms. Stone has also expressed the desire to interview club officers and members for an article for the magazine. Club 1st V.P. Tom Berenguel will serve as contact person between the club and the magazine. Other November activities included finalization of plans for a donut-sale fundraiser.

The December 1-11 donut sales were a huge success for the club, with 1,104 donuts yielding a profit of \$165.60. A newsletter article and an ANA slide presentation on Hobo Nickels were featured on December 3. A Christmas party was held on December 17, and included a gift exchange.

The January 9 newsletter announced the unexpected move to San Antonio of the C-Cubed editor and publisher, Imran and Afshan Charania. Their positions are being filled for the present time by Amy Ng. Letters from members Christina Burleson, Kim Geis, Jeff Guthery Shellene Cantwell and Ian Kjos discussed various aspects of coin collecting and club membership. It was also noted that the club now boasts 517 members. The 1993 official Presidential Inauguration was pictured on the January 20 C-Cubed cover, and the issue contained a transcript of the January 18 ANA "Money Talks" radio show about Martin Luther King, written by club sponsor and TNA Youth Chairman Ralph Ross. Copies of the transcript can be obtained free by calling 1-800-258-0929 and asking for program #76.

--**club newsletter, The C-Cubed (Imran Charania & Amy Ng, ed.)**

DISTRICT VII

The **Alamo Coin Club's** Board of Directors met in November and appointed Wayne Gordon to fill the position of club Treasurer. The 1993 club show has been scheduled for October 15-17, contingent upon securing a suitable location. Members were reminded that the club's copy of the ANA videotape, "Grading Mint State Coins," is available for loan. The club newsletter contained a very interesting article by Gary E. Wolfe on coins of the Central American Republic, a little-known 19th century confederation of what is now Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

The December meeting was enjoyed by sixteen members and two guests. All participated in a program on grading and almost everyone took part in a gift game/exchange. The grading program asked membership to grade two coins: a silver dollar and a mid-1700's English sixpence. The participants returned an average grade of EF/AU on the

silver dollar, which was, in fact, altered. For the sixpence, members were asked how they thought an antique dealer had graded it. They returned a grade of very fine; the antique dealer had "graded" it simply as being worth seventy-five cents. The monthly club newsletter contained a call for volunteers to replace editor and second vice president Walter Clavette, whose employer will be moving from the area in early February. The newsletter also contained a message from president Gary Wolfe and an interesting, illustrated article by Harold Eiserloh, "An Introduction to German States Coinage."

The TNA editor is pleased to report that club newsletter editor Walter Clavette has submitted the 1992 club newsletter for consideration for the TNA Outstanding Chapter Publication Award.

--club newsletter, **The Alamo News** (Walter Clavette, editor)

Twenty-three members attended the November 5 meeting of the **Gateway Coin Club**. Round table items included some beautiful Japanese lottery tickets shown by John Kallman, Robert Lacewell's aluminum 1943 German 20 mark token used in a World War II Jewish ghetto, and cachets marking Lackland Air Force Base's 50th anniversary, brought by Ed Witt. An auction called by Walter Clavette concluded the meeting.

The November 19 meeting was attended by seventeen members. A raffle was held for a 1992 Special Proof Set, and twenty-one one dollar tickets were sold. Cliff Valley gave a program on Mexican coinage from 1526 through 1915, including the early Mexican mints, and their role in history. Cliff displayed coins, tokens and paper money from this period to illustrate his talk.

--club newsletter, **The Gatepost** (Frank Galindo, editor)

DISTRICT IX

Thirty-four members and guests attended the January 4 meeting of the **South Plains Coin Club**. Plans were finalized and committees appointed for the club's February 20-21 show. Bourse chairman Frank Hezmall predicted a sellout of the 75 tables, based on the current response. A program and display of minting varieties was given by David Hodges. A round of applause went to Norris Ramsey for his arrangements for the club's annual Christmas party, which was attended by fifty-one persons, and which raised approximately \$1400 for Meals on Wheels and Texas Boys' Ranch in Lubbock. Refreshments were served, and an auction by Jacobs and Ling concluded the meeting.

--Lamonte Pitzer, **TNA District IX Governor**

DISTRICT X

The **El Paso International Coin Club** voted unanimously to nominate Walter Woelper for TNA President and Millard Brown for TNA District X Governor. Open positions on the EPICC Board were filled by the

following volunteers: Governor, Willie Terrazas; Sergeant-at-arms, James Karam. The club's annual show will be held on February 19, 20 and 21 at the Quality Inn.

--Helen C. Boutwell, club Secretary

DISTRICT XI

The November 2 meeting of the **Golden Spread Coin Club** featured a program on "Your Other Hobby or Collecting Interest." A wide variety of interests were shared, from antiques to the most modern items. A show and tell included English Crowns and and David Bitting's encapsulated C.C. and Peace dollars, but Nela Runkle forgot to show the tokens she had brought and James Harding left his set of silver bars at home. Club officers were elected as follows: President, Jerry Davidson; 1st V.P., Charles Simmons; 2nd V.P., Ron Hoskins; Secretary, Nela Runkle; Treasurer, Paula White; Members-at-large, R.L. "Tommy" Tompkins, Mike Ecklund and Homer Dotts. The club nominated Jerry Davidson for TNA District XI Governor.

The club Christmas party was held on December 13 at the Western Sizzlin Sirloin. Dave Cervin put on a short, entertaining display of magic and juggling for the twenty-four members and guests in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the show, the food and bingo games, and everything wrapped up in time to hurry home ahead of an oncoming storm.

The TNA editor is pleased to report that club newsletter editor Nela Runkle has submitted the 1992 club newsletter for consideration for the TNA Outstanding Chapter Publication Award.

--club newsletter (Nela Runkle, editor)

DISTRICT XV

Twenty-one people were in attendance at the November 5 meeting of the **Port Arthur Coin Club**. Jerry Williams was unanimously approved as nominee for TNA District XV Governor. Club officer nominees were: President, Jerry Williams; V.P., John Barnes; Secretary, Ken Senholm; Treasurer, Rick Lanclos. ANA membership was approved for another year. The spring coin show, a joint effort with the Beaumont, Orange and Silsbee clubs, was announced for March 20-21 at the Beaumont Holiday Inn. Jerry Williams gave a program on paper money that was interesting and educational, and Jerry Weaver shared some numismatic trivia.

Thirteen club members were in attendance at the Christmas dinner meeting at Shoney's in Port Arthur on December 3. John Barnes was honored with the T.G. Brown Award for his 1992 contributions to the club and also received his first Past President's Medal. The Best Numismatic Presentation Plaque was awarded to Richard Laster for his outstanding program on Texas and Confederate error notes. The club newsletter reported that committee meetings for the Southeast Texas

Coin & Collectibles Show have begun, and that a budget has been set for the show by the representatives of the four sponsoring clubs.

--club newsletter, **Dollars and Cents** (Ken Seholm, editor)

DISTRICT XVII

A total of forty-six members and kinfolk feasted at Uncle Dan's Rib House on December 10, at the **Waco Coin Club's** Christmas dinner. Gerry Kammer served as Master of Ceremonies and Allan Woods gave the invocation. Two very special guests were Bradley Sanders, aged eleven months, and his four-year-old sister Lauren, who brought along their parents, Greg and Julie. A variety of desserts capped an evening of good fellowship and holiday cheer.

Twenty-six members attended the January 14 meeting. Dan Tomlinson and Janessa Tankersly were welcomed as new members. A report on the club show scheduled for March 27-28 was given by show chairman Don Miller and committee members Gerry Kammer and George Kubal; they reported that everything is "on line" and asked for volunteers to serve at the registration desk. Club president Glenn Hardin displayed an article from a local newspaper that mentioned the club and encouraged members to invite friends, especially young people, to attend the meetings. Glenn also mentioned that invitations had been extended to local Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Campfire groups. A lively action concluded the meeting.

--J.P. Jones, club Secretary

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